

House File 210 - Introduced

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BY NORDMAN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the minimum age of substitute teachers in
2 prekindergarten through grade eight.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The applicant is less than twenty-one years of age
4 except as provided in subsection 26 and section 272.31,
5 ~~subsection subsections 1 and 4.~~ However, a student enrolled in
6 a practitioner preparation program who meets board requirements
7 for a temporary, limited-purpose license who is seeking to
8 teach as part of a practicum or internship may be less than
9 twenty-one years of age.

10 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. Adopt rules under chapter 17A
13 establishing a license for substitute teachers. The rules
14 shall authorize the board to issue a substitute license to an
15 individual who is at least twenty years of age that allows the
16 individual to substitute in grades prekindergarten through
17 eight.

18 Sec. 3. Section 272.31, subsection 4, Code 2023, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 4. The board shall issue a substitute authorization that
21 allows an individual who is at least twenty years of age to
22 substitute in grades prekindergarten through ~~twelve~~ eight,
23 and an individual who is at least twenty-one years of age to
24 substitute in grades prekindergarten through twelve, for no
25 more than ten consecutive days in a thirty-day period in one
26 job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent,
27 except in the driver education classroom. A school district
28 administrator may file a written request with the board for
29 an extension of the ten-day limit in one job assignment in a
30 thirty-day period on the basis of documented need and benefit
31 to the instructional program. The executive director of the
32 board or the executive director's designee shall review the
33 request and provide a written decision either approving or
34 denying the request. A substitute teacher authorization shall
35 require not less than the successful completion of an associate

1 degree or not less than sixty undergraduate semester hours,
2 or the equivalent, from a college or university accredited by
3 an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United
4 States department of education.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill relates to substitute authorizations and licenses
9 issued by the board of educational examiners (BOEE). Current
10 law requires the BOEE to disqualify an applicant for a license
11 if the applicant is less than 21 years of age, with certain
12 limited exceptions. The bill authorizes the BOEE to issue a
13 substitute authorization or license to an individual who is at
14 least 20 years of age that allows the individual to substitute
15 in grades prekindergarten through eight.